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1. All Communist units: The 3 Column with artillery support is attacking Ihsien (121-15,41-32)(defended by the Temporary 20 Division of the Nationalist 93 Army). Fall of the city is imminent. The main body of the 9 Column is attacking the Chinchou (121-07,41-07) perimeter from the west, with artillery support concentrated on the Chinchou airfield. The main force of the 7 Column is on the eastern outskirts of Chinchou, with part of the column between Hsihaikou (121-01,40-50) and Hsingshan (121-05,40-57), south of Chinchou. The West 8 Column is at Hsiehchiatun (121-10,41-12), which is 7 kilometers north of Changchun on the railroad. On 28 September the 27 Division of the 9 Column occupied Kechiao (120-59,40-53). The 4 Column and Jehol Independent 6 Division are attacking Hsingcheng (120-42,40-38), which is completely surrounded. On 28 September the Jehol Independent 6 Division occupied Suichung (120-19,40-20). The 1 Column is at Changwutaimen (122-40,42-16); the 2 Column is at Peichen (121-44,41-36) and is moving toward Chinchou. The 6 Column is between Fouhsin and Hsinlitun; the 10 Column is moving southwest from Faku (123-23,42-31). The total number of Communist troops on the offensive at Chinchou and at points south along the railroad is over 85,000.

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Comment. The entire strength of the experienced Communist combat troops are now in west Manchuria. That the 4 Column is attacking railroad points south of Chinchou indicates the Communists intend to hold the railroad south of Chinchou instead of employing their former hit-and-run tactics. The 3 Column, attacking Ihsien, is the best Communist column in Manchuria

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and will undoubtedly assist in the attack against Chinchou after the fall of Ihsien. The 2 Column, at Peichen, and the 6 Column, between Hsinlitun and Fouhsin, are in position to support the Chinchou attack.)

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